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C O N F I D E N T I A L MEXICO 10130

E.O. 11652: GDS

SUBJ: SREF, BU (TODOR IVANOV POPOV ET AL)

SUBJ: REQUEST FOR ASYLUM

REF: MEXICO 9646; B. STATE 263464

1. EMBASSY IS OF COURSE DISAPPOINTED OVER INS DECISION ON THIS REQUEST BUT WILL PURSUE POSSIBILITY DISCUSSED IN REFTEL B WHEREBY POPOVS WOULD APPLY FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY FROM PROCESSING CENTER IN GREECE OR ELSEWHERE. WE AWAIT FURTHER INFORMATION FROM GENEVA ON THIS SUBJECT.

2. INFORMAL CONVERSATIONS WITH GOM OFFICIALS INDICATE THAT POPOV IS UNLIKELY EVER TO RECEIVE FULL UNCONDITIONAL ASYLUM FROM GOM. HE WILL APPARENTLY BE GRANTED PERMISSION TO REMAIN IN MEXICO IN INCREMENTS OF SIX MONTHS AT A TIME AND WILL BE ALLOWED TO WORK IF HE CAN FIND EMPLOYMENT.

3. RECOGNIZING THAT FOLLOWING PROBLEM IS NOT WHOLLY THAT OF USG, WE ARE CONCERNED OVER DIFFICULT ECONOMIC SITUATION FOR POPOVS WHICH COULD BECOME DESPERATE. SHOULD EFFORTS TO MOVE POPOV FAMILY TO EUROPE PROSPER, ARE THERE ANY OFFICIAL FUNDS WHICH MIGHT BE MADE AVAILABLE TO PROVIDE FOR FAMILY SUBSISTENCE WHILE ARRANGEMENTS BEING COMPLETED? ALTERNATIVELY, ARE THERE IN U.S. ANY REFUGEE ASSISTANCE ORGANIZATIONS WHICH WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP POPOVS DURING THEIR

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TIONS WHICH WOULD BE WILLING TO HELP POPOVS DURING THEIR

STAY IN MEXICO?

4. AS INDICATED REFTEL A, POPOV AT ONE POINT EXPRESSED
INTEREST IN APPLYING FOR CONDITIONAL ENTRY FROM FRG. DO
PROCESSING CENTERS EXIST IN WEST GERMANY?

5. EMBASSY WILL APPRECIATE PROMPT RESPONSES TO FOREGOING
QUESTIONS.

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